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PURCHASES A FACTORY SITE

Eighty-Five Acres on Genesee
Avenue in Saginaw Owned
by Local Man.

WILL SOON ERECT A BUILDING

Saginaw is Speculating as to the
Intentions of F. W. Ruggles
of Alma.

Frank W. Ruggles, president of
The Republic Motor Truck Co. Inc.,
of this city, and closely allied with
John N. Willys of the Willys-Over-
land company of Toledo, has acquired
an eighty-five acre factory site on
State street in Saginaw, just to the
west of the Pere Marquette crossing.
The property was formerly owned by
George L. Borrows, Sr., of that city.

The property is regarded as one of
the finest factory sites in Saginaw,
fronting as it does on State street
and running back for nearly half a
mile from that street. It is just to
the west of the Pere Marquette
tracks which run the entire length of
the property, which give it splendid
shipping facilities.

The property was at one time used
by the street railway company of
that city in the days of the old horse
cars, being a farm at that time,
which was used to raise feed for the
horses, as well as a resting place for
them. It is only a block from the
street car track on Genesee avenue.

It is understood that negotiations
have been under way by Mr. Ruggles
for the property for the past several
months, and during nearly all of the
time rumor has been very active in
connection with it, especially in Sag-
inaw.

It is understood that the construc-
tion of a factory will be started on
the new site this spring, although no
announcement has as yet been made
as to the nature of the industry which
is being planned for Saginaw, by Mr.
Ruggles.

EPOCH MAKING

Conference Takes the First Steps to
Remedy Nations Ills.

In an article recently published,
Roger Babson, one of the leading
financial experts of the country, bold-
ly asserts that the world's greatest
need just now is not more legisla-
tion but more religion. If Mr. Babson
is right then recent happenings would
seem to indicate that the Protestant
churches of the country mean to meet
that need. At Lansing last week
what seems likely to prove an epoch
making conference of Protestant
ministers from all over this state was
held in the Plymouth Congregational
church. The conference was called
together under the auspices of the
Interchurch World movement recently
inaugurated in this country and is
only one of 48 to be held, one in
each state, within two weeks time.
Upward of 1200 ministers from all
evangelical Protestant denominations
attended.

In order to understand this confer-
ence it is necessary to know just
what the Inter-church world move-
ment is. For some years all think-
ing men have been distressed over
the many needless divisions which ex-
ist in Protestant Christianity. Since
the war the leaders of many of the
largest denominations have deter-
mined these divisions shall no longer
hinder Protestant peoples from work-
ing together as one grand army in
their common cause. As the result
of this determination the Inter-
Church Movement was launched and
is now carrying out its purposes in
the conferences referred to. Never
before have all the pastors of the var-
ious evangelical churches of each
state been called together in such
gatherings. The large numbers who
responded and the perfect unanimity
of spirit which prevailed in every
session of the Michigan gathering
show how ready all denominations
are for the action.

The purpose of the Inter-Church
Movement as stated in some of its
literature is as follows: 1st. To un-
dertake a scientific survey of the
world's needs from the standpoint of
the responsibility of evangelical
Christianity. 2nd. To project a co-
operative community and world pro-
gram to meet the needs shown by
the survey. 3rd. To discover and
develop the resources of life, money
and prayer required by such a pro-
gram.

It was not until the Allies during
the war got together under one lead-
ership that they commenced to be
victorious. When they did unite,
however, the defeat of their foe was
assured. Similarly leaders of Pro-
testantism believe that union in ef-
fort of all Protestant Christianity
under the Inter-Church Movement
means struggle to meet the world's
need of a gospel message in the pres-
ent critical period.

Before the Lansing conference was
concluded arrangements were made
to organize the Protestant forces in
every county in the state. A meet-
ing of workers in Grafton county, in-
cluding the minister, one layman and
one laywoman from each church, will
be held in this city on March 24th
for the purpose of organizing here.

The local pastors who attended the
Lansing conference were Rev. Robert
Grierson, Rev. Peter White, Rev. M.
W. Duffey and Rev. Willis L. Gelston.

GARBAGE

Foreign Substances Being Found in
Garbage Cans Here.

William E. Reynolds, city manager,
called attention to the fact yesterday
that some householders in this city
are allowing foreign matter such as
sweepings, broken glass, etc., to be
put in their garbage cans. Attention
is also called to the fact that the
collector of garbage is authorized to
leave the contents of all cans on the
premises, when the garbage is found
to be intermixed with such foreign
matter.

Only recently the collector found
in one can, a can of "arsenate of
lead," which had the can been broken,
would have been a sufficient amount
to have caused a serious loss of hogs
at the feeding station here.

The city has undertaken to serve
the residents with efficient garbage
collection service, and it is due the
administration and the contractor,
that the owners of garbage can ob-
serve some reasonable degree of fair-
ness and justice.

KRESS CANDIDATE

FOR PROBATE JUDGE

City Attorney of Alma Will
Seek Favor of Voters in
August Primaries.

James G. Kress, city attorney, an-
nounced yesterday that he would be
a candidate at the August primaries,
for the nomination as probate judge
on the Republican ticket, and it is
a certainty that he will have the
solid backing of Alma Republicans
behind him in the campaign from
start to finish.

Mr. Kress is an Alma born product,
having been born in this city in
1866, receiving his education here.
In 1892 he was elected as county
clerk, and served two terms in that
office. Before leaving the office he
was admitted to the bar, and follow-
ing his second term started a prac-
tice which has gained for him a good
reputation in this part of the state
as an attorney of ability. He has
served two terms as a circuit court
commissioner, and several terms as
the city attorney for Alma, being
connected with the city in that of-
ficial capacity at the present time.

ASKS AID

Seeks Proper Addresses of Nearest
Kin of Deceased Soldiers.

Colonel Ralph McCoy, recruiting
officer at Grand Rapids for the
Western Michigan District, has sent
out a call for assistance in distribut-
ing the remainder of the French
Memorial Diplomas which did not
reach the nearest kin of deceased
American soldiers on Washington's
Birthdays, as originally intended.

Those diplomas are being given by
the French Government to the near-
est of kin of every American soldier
who gave up his life in the World
War. They can be readily framed.
Distribution has been made largely
through the American Legion, but in
many cases it has been found impos-
sible by this method to reach the
proper addresses.

The diplomas will be mailed to the
persons for whom intended if they
will certify that they are the persons
named, stating relationship to the
deceased soldier, and furnishing full
address, written plainly. This in-
formation should be sent to the Army
Recruiting officer, 211 Monroe ave.,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Diplomas are on hand at the Army
Recruiting Station at Grand Rapids
addressed to the persons listed be-
low. They will be mailed to the per-
sons for whom intended when the
information called for is furnished.
Other lists will appear later, as more
diplomas are received.

George Andrews Elm Hall,
F. Zimmerman, R. R. No. 1, North
Star.

William Peters, Perrington.
John Mikulica, R. F. D. No. 1,
Bannister.

GOOD LECTURES

The two lectures delivered at Alma
college on Tuesday by Mr. Wil-
liam Warner Bishop, librarian of the
University of Michigan, were well
attended and greatly enjoyed by all
who were so fortunate to be present.

In the afternoon, under the topic,
"Our College and University Librar-
ies—A Survey and a Program,"
Mr. Bishop gave a comprehensive
sketch of the college library; its pur-
pose being threefold, for instruction,
for research and for culture. He
graphically presented the idea lib-
rary which every college and uni-
versity should strive to possess.

The illustrated lecture of the evening
on "Books and Manuscripts of the
Fifteenth Century" afforded a
wonderful survey of the early his-
tory of printing, and the efforts of
the printer to reproduce the art work
of the manuscripts of earlier date.

Both lectures were scholarly and
yet at the same time so delightfully
presented as to hold the unflinching
interest of the audience.

ARRESTED HERE MONDAY

John Fowler of this city and Dan
Duffey of Mt. Pleasant were arrested
here Monday by local police officers.
Fowler was arrested on a bastardy
charge and Duffey was arrested by
the police on a charge of statutory
rape.

Billie Burke in "Wanted, a Hus-
band"—Idlehour, Sunday—adv.

MT. PLEASANT WAS DEFEATED

Nevitt's Five Trimmed in a
Most Bitterly Contested
Game Tuesday.

TWO OTHER GAMES PLAYED

Kalamazoo Won Over Alma by Ten
Points and Ypsi by Small
Margin.

In one of the hardest fought games
ever staged on the Alma court, the
Maroon and Cream quintet putting up
a great exhibition of fight and bas-
ketball, outclassed the Mt. Pleasant
Normals class five, and won Tuesday
night by a score of 27 to 20 in the
last home game of the season.

The Alma quintet had to be going
at its best to win, as Coach Nevitt
brought to Alma, the finest bunch of
cagers that the Normal has ever had
together, a team that ranks among
the best in the state, and has vic-
tories over such schools as Hope col-
lege to its credit.

The Maroon and Cream, after a bad
season from injuries, sickness, etc.,
which had caused Coach Wood to use
fifteen men during the course of the
schedule, was in fine fettle for the
game, full of confidence and fight, al-
though lacking its best line-up. It
must be admitted, however, that the
lineup was the strongest that has ap-
peared for Alma in any single game
this year.

The game was fast and the going
rough from start to finish, and at one
stage of the second half, when Brooks
floored Richards, when the officials
had his back turned, it looked as
though something might happen for
a minute, but the trouble blew over.

Alma took a one point lead at the
start but was quickly tied by Mt.
Pleasant, and from then on during
the balance of the half it was just one
hot fight for the lead. As the half
came to an end Richards dropped in
his sixth successive foul, tying the
score at 14 points for each team. In
the second half Alma held every
Normal safe, except for Taylor,
who grabbed all of his teams points
for the half, getting three field bas-
kets.

The Alma forwards, Smith and
Richards, and Anderson at center,
constituted the Alma offensive, and
in spite of the brilliant guarding of
LeCronier, Shelton and Brooks, man-
aged to slip through the defense sev-
eral times for field baskets, Smith
getting four, Richards three and An-
derson two.

Th guarding of Moore and Mills
was of great class and held the Nor-
mal offensive in great style, particu-
larly in the second half, when Taylor
was the only Teacher able to land a
field basket. Brooks, the wonderful
and highly touted center of the
Teachers, who has been the feature
of every game played by Mt. Pleas-
ant, was completely stopped at every
stage of the game, getting just one
field basket.

The entire five is deserving of
great credit for its splendid victory,
which cannot but seem the more bril-
liant when compared with the early
season game at Mt. Pleasant, which
the Normals won 49 to 11. To the
efforts of Coach Wood, who in spite
of disappointment after disappoint-
ment this season are praised due. He
has gamely stuck and fought it out
with the luck factor, and finally
downed it.

Line-up and summary:

ALMA—27	NORMALS—20
Richards	L. F. Beddow
M. Smith	R. F. Tambling
Anderson	C. Brooks
Moore	L. G. Shelton
Mills	R. G. LeCronier

Substitution—Taylor for Tambling.
Field baskets—M. Smith 4, Rich-
ards 3, Anderson 2, Taylor 3, Beddow
2, Tambling, Brooks, LeCronier.
Fouls—Richards 9 out of 11;
Brooks 4 out of 5.

Score first half—Mt. Pleasant 14,
Alma 14.

Referee—Davis, University of
Kansas.

Scorers and timers—Nevitt and
Dunham.

KALAMAZOO VS. ALMA

The Kalamazoo College basketball
quintet, six times winner of the M.
I. A. A. court rag, received a big
surprise Friday night being forced
to the limit to win from Coach
Wood's crippled Alma College ag-
gregation, and it was not until the
final minutes of battle that it be-
came a certainty that the Kazoo five,
which had already counted the bunt-
ing as sewed up for the seventh time,
was certain of taking its final game
and the title. The game ended with
Kalamazoo leading 31 to 21.

Beaten two weeks ago at Kalamazoo
44 to 6, it did not seem that
Alma had a ghost of a chance with
the champs, but an orange and black
sweater in front of the Maroon and
Cream proves to be like the proverbial
red, and stimulated the Alma ag-
gregation to new heights of endeavor,
and Kalamazoo was worried
greatly over her title prospects un-
til the last two or three minutes of
play.

Although the Maroon and Cream
will not hold a title in basket ball,
one thing has been proven conclus-
ively—Alma's fighting spirit is not
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INCREASE ACTIVITY

Cleanup Campaign To Be Continued
In This City.

Following a visit to this city of
Miss Ostrander, and one of her field
workers, of the State Board of
Health, it is certain that the social
disease campaign in this city will be
continued, and every possible effort,
consistent with the laws and regu-
lations of the health department, will
be made to better conditions in Alma.

Since the starting of a suit for
\$10,000 damages against Dr. T. J.
Carney, Miss Ida Peck, and the mat-
ron of the detention home in Bay
City, in connection with the cam-
paign some months ago, little has
been done locally, as officials were
not certain of all of the legal ques-
tions that might be involved.

These have been settled with the
coming of Miss Ostrander to Alma
and the campaign will now see re-
newed activity.

At the commission meeting Tues-
day evening, it was made plain that
Alma was no better, but no worse
than the average community in this
respect, but that the state desires a
statewide cleanup of social diseases
so far as possible, and the laws of
the state and the regulations of the
State Board of Health make it very
evident that officials will have back-
ing in the campaign.

Miss Ostrander made mention of
the Carney damage case and stated
that the State Board of Health was
very desirous of seeing the case car-
ried through to the supreme court to
settle such trouble for all time, and
appeared very confident what the re-
sult would be, in view of the regu-
lations of the State Board of Health,
which back up the work of health
officials of Michigan.

Dr. J. N. Day, the present health
officer of the city, was present at the
Tuesday evening meeting of the com-
mission and made plain that he
would do all in his power to carry
out the duties of his office in this re-
spect.

Attention was also called, during
the discussion, to repeated publica-
tions of the slanderous article re-
garding the conditions in the city of
Alma, at the time that the Carney
suit was first instituted. It brought
forth some strong discussion from
members of the commission, who will
probably take up this matter again
next Tuesday evening.

ATTENTION CALLED TO

GO-TO-CHURCH DRIVE

Mayor Issues Proclamation in
Regard to Efforts of the
Church Federation.

Mayor Charles R. Murphy has
issued the following proclamation in
connection with the Go-to-church
campaign:

Democracy must ever depend for
its safety upon the high moral stand-
ards of its citizens. These stand-
ards in turn depend upon a healthy
state of religion in the body politic.
For this reason it is a matter of
deep concern to all right thinking
men when the religious life of any
community seems to wane.

In the city of Alma, the population
has increased in the last few years
more than three hundred per cent.
At the same time the increase in the
attendance upon the churches has not
been at all commensurate. One
hundred percent increase in church
going is probably more than has been
realized. Such disproportionate ad-
vance of population above the in-
creased interest in religion calls for
most earnest consideration.

At the present time the Alma
Federation of Churches proposes a
campaign for one month to bring the
people of our city more generally
into vital relation with some church
organization and thus to secure their
more complete allegiance to Jesus
Christ. Whereas such a step gives
promise of remedying the situation
above referred to and ought to have
the hearty support of everyone, as
Mayor of the city, and by request of
the Church Federation, I hereby pro-
claim March, as a month where in
all of our citizens will do well to hear
and heed the Church's call. During
this month I would earnestly advise
all parents having children of proper
age to start those children in some
one of the Sunday schools of the city
and see that their attendance is main-
tained. In case of all adults I
would urge the reestablishment of the
regular habits of church attendance
which many have had and fallen
away from. Where no such habit
has previously been known it ought
now to be cultivated.

Signed, Charles R. Murphy, Mayor.

ENLARGE STORE

Sawkins Piano Company Increases
Floor Space Considerably.

During the past week carpenters
have been enlarging the home of
the Sawkins Piano Company, the
floor space of the store having been
increased by half.

The decorating has not been fin-
ished as yet, but this work is ex-
pected to be completed within the
next few days, and will give the
company a far better opportunity to
make a proper display of its goods
than was possible in the smaller
store. Mr. Sawkins, manager of the
company, has ordered a large stock
of goods, a part of which has al-
ready arrived and is being placed in
the enlarged store.

DeLuxe candies are the best. 77-c

HOLD RECRUITING CAMPAIGN HERE

Alma Will Be Center of Army's
Activities During the Next
Four Weeks.

WILL HAVE EXHIBITS HERE

Work is Part of Nation-Wide Drive
to Fill Up the Ranks in the
Service.

Alma during the coming four
weeks, is scheduled to be the center
of the Army's campaign for recruits
in Western Michigan. This is part
of the nation-wide drive for 150,000
men. Officers and men from the var-
ious regiments assigned to this state
to secure men to fill their ranks will
be on hand to place the arguments
for the New Peace Time Army di-
rectly before the people. These al-
located regiments are: the 4th Caval-
ry, Fort Ringgold, Texas; the 77th
Field Artillery, Camp Dodge, Iowa;
the 59th Coast Artillery, Camp Lew-
is, Washington; and the 10th and
14th Infantry at Camp Custer.

The intensive period of the drive
in Alma will start the middle of the
month. Special window displays ex-
hibiting all the features of Army life
will be placed on view in down town
store windows. These exhibits are
traveling all through the western
Michigan territory. Other exhibits
of tanks, machine guns, pieces of ar-
tillery, and the like, which have at-
tracted much interest wherever they
appeared, are also scheduled to come here.

The assignment of certain regiments
to Michigan means that the military
inclined man can take his
choice of a wide variety of locations
where he will be among "boys from
the old home town." Enlistments are
not limited to these particular out-
fits, however. The recruit can choose
any regiment of Field Artillery,
Coast Artillery, Infantry or Cavalry
within the United States. The Field
Artillery and Engineers are open for
either one or three enlistments for
either previous service men or men
who have had no former service
whatever.

The 4th Cavalry is stationed in the
southeastern tip of Texas at a point
farther south than the southernmost
point of Florida—at a place where
it never freezes. Fort Ringgold is
right across the Rio Grande from
Mexico. Mexican activities on the
other side of the border keep things
interesting all the time. On the
Mexican border sentries on patrol
duty carry baskets of carrier pigeons
with them for use in case of emer-
gency. If a trooper or doughboy on
duty along the border is ambushed
by Mexican raiders, or is wounded
and in need of help, all he has to do
is to attach a message to one of his
birds, release it, and his appeal for
assistance will be carried back to
headquarters. The use of carrier
pigeons was brought to a high state
of efficiency by both the forces of the
Allies and the Central Powers in the
World War, and the American Army
is carrying on the idea, finding the
birds of great use at many camps and
posts, not alone in the U. S., but in
outlying possessions as well.

The 59th Coast Artillery at Camp
Lewis, Washington, is a mobile ar-
tillery outfit, using heavy guns
hauled by tractors. The 59th has re-
pair shops the best of any west of
the Mississippi—shops valued at
nearly a million dollars. The 77th
Field Artillery at Camp Dodge, Iowa,
is a light artillery outfit. It has of-
ten been said that service in such an
outfit offers the snap and dash for
those who like action such as no
other branch affords.

The 10th and 14th Infantry, station-
ed at Michigan's Own Regular Army
Camp, Camp Custer, already have
many Michigan men in their ranks.
Many veterans who served overseas
with the 32nd Division are numbered
among its members. More are join-
ing daily.

DIED SUNDAY

Willard A. Holmes, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Howard Holmes of Mt. Pleasant,
former Alma resident, died at a local
hospital Sunday evening, following a
two weeks' illness of pneumonia. He
was 22 years of age. He leaves to
mourn their loss, a wife and infant
girl, a father and mother, two broth-
ers and two sisters. A private fun-
eral was held Tuesday morning at
the local chapel and the body was
placed in the vault in Riverside cem-
tery.

DEFEATED AGAIN

The Alma high school basket ball
team suffered another defeat at the
hands of the Greenville high quintet
Friday evening at Greenville, the
score being 37 to 12. The locals were
outclassed from the start to finish by
the speedy Greenville cagers, and
while they were fought hard there
was never any question as to which
team would win the bout. Creech as
usual featured for the Alma five.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

The Board of Registration for the
Township of Pine River will be in
session at the Town Hall in Forest
Hill on Saturday, March 13 and 20,
for the purpose of registering voters.
William Moody, Township Clerk.
(37-2-c)

PULLED

Certain Alma Professional Man Said
To Have Been Arrested.

One more or less prominent Alma
professional man is said to have been
caught in the toils of the law in Bay
City some few days ago, while there
on a short business trip. A bottle
of liquor is said to have been the
cause of it all.

It is understood that one of those
people, once in a while met up with
in various communities, who are
styled bootleggers, approached the
Alma man, whispered something in
his ear about one whole quart that
could be purchased for ten bucks.

Having been in an arid climate for
some months, and not being a camel,
Mr. Alma Resident produced a ten
spot, and after trading it for the
quart started down a street.

Just half a block away he felt a
tap on his shoulder, and heard a voice
say that he was under arrest for
violating the liquor law. Luckily he
was able to locate a friend and bail
was procured.

The "poor victim of circum-
stances" is now hoping that the af-
fair may blow over, with just a light
fine or a suspended sentence.

One thing is true—no more boot-
leggers for him.

DADS AND KIDS WILL

BANQUET HERE FRIDAY

Annual Get-Together of Dads
and Lads Will Be Held in
Masonic Temple.

The annual Father and Son ban-
quet will be held Friday evening, but
the place for holding the event has
been changed to the Masonic Temple,
the Masonic Temple committee hav-
ing given the services of the dining
room for the event.

With the exception of a few minor
details the arrangements for the big
get-together have been completed,
and an enjoyable and profitable even-
ing is being anticipated by those who
are behind the affair. The banquet
is to start promptly at 6:00 p. m.
Mrs. Frösch will be the cateress.

A good program has been arranged
by the committee, which will bring
forth some musical selections that
are certain to be of a very pleasing
nature. Included in these numbers
will be selections by Kenneth Wolfe
on the violin, and some by the Alma
College Men's Glee Club, which will
soon leave on its annual tour of the
state. It is also expected that there
will be some orchestral selections.

That the committee is using every
effort to make the affair a big suc-
cess is made evident from the selec-
tions of the toastmaster and the prin-
cipal speaker of the evening, S. R.
Swiss, advertising manager of the
Republic Motor Truck Company Inc.,
one of the most popular younger men
of the city, will be the toastmaster.
Hira C. Moore, of Flint, former
cashier of the Alma State Savings
Bank here, will be the principal
speaker.

Following are the toasts that will
be responded to: "Bringing Up
Father," Rev. Matt. W. Duffey;
"What's the Matter with Father,"
Hira C. Moore; "Teamwork," Frank
Neal; "Our Dads," Orville Ingersoll.

IMPORTED CLOVER

Michigan Grown Cheapest in End,
Says M. A. C.

Clover seed imported from abroad
or from other sections of the coun-
try is unsafe for Michigan planting,
according to Prof. J. F. Cox, head
of the Farm Crops Department at
the Michigan Agricultural College.
The best and really cheapest seed
for Michigan farmers is Michigan
grown, purchased from dependable
local dealers—even though the cost
looks high as judged by past prices.

"As never before, large out-of-the-
state seed companies are advertising
for sale in Michigan seed mixtures
at apparently attractive prices," says
Professor Cox. "In reality this seed
is usually of lower standard of pur-
ity and germination than that of-
fered by dependable local dealers and
may cause great loss to Michigan
farmers."

A warning against extensive seed-
ing of Giant Incarnate or Crimson
clover is given farmers of the state.
This variety is adapted to sections
south of the Ohio river for fall plant-
ing, but it will not live over Michi-
gan winters except when conditions
are extremely favorable. It is not
adapted to spring planting, accord-
ing to the M. A. C. crops experts.

Information is reaching the college
to the effect that large shipments of
cloverseed are coming into the
United States from Italy. This seed
is not adapted to Michigan condi-
tions.

Michigan grown seed of Red, Al-
sike, or Mammoth clover is best for
Michigan conditions. Seed of these
varieties grown in other northern
states or in Canada is also accept-
able. The seedling recommended by
the college crops department for a
mixed hay is: four pounds of Red
clover, two pounds of Alsike clover,
and from two to four pounds of
Timothy.

Quick millinery store offers some
pretty spring attractions, old library
building, Woodworth Ave.—adv.

"Should a woman tell?" Regent
Theatre, Thursday and Friday—adv.

EASTERN TIME WAS ADOPTED

City Commission Voted Tues-
day to Set City Clocks
Ahead One